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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) A tubular radially expandible metal structure, comprising:

a wall comprising an abluminal major wall surface, a luminal major wall surface and a radial wall thickness therebetween, the wall having struts defining through-apertures therein; and

a plurality of expandible rings arranged adjacent one another along a longitudinal axis of the structure, each of the rings defining at least one bridge strut and having a first electrical conductivity, adjacent rings ~~being~~ linked by at least one bridge formed by cooperation between adjacent bridge struts on adjacent rings;

~~wherein said at least one each bridge exhibits reduced including a portion having a second electrical conductivity at least an order of magnitude lower than the first electrical conductivity, the throughout the wall thickness, and wherein there are a plurality of said bridges distributed throughout the length of the tubular structure and configured and arranged to divide the tubular structure into axially spaced and electrically insulated sections.~~

26. (Previously presented) The structure according to claim 25, wherein said bridge comprises inter-engaged joint portions.

27. (Previously presented) The structure according to claim 25, wherein said bridge comprises complementary mating portions.